

In the Claims:

Cancel claim 2, without prejudice, and amend claims 1, 3 - 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12 - 16 as indicated below:

1.(currently amended) ~~An A knife assembly for clamping a knife, the knife having sides,~~
the assembly comprising:

a knife having spaced-apart first and second sides defining a thickness of the knife;

a base; and

a wearshoe; and

~~a clamp for clamping the knife to said base, said clamp including an upper clamping member, said upper clamping member and said wearshoe adapted for mounting to engagement with said base so that as to provide a gap between a first portion of said upper clamping member that is cantilevered from said base, said first portion for receiving said first side of said knife, and a corresponding portion of said wearshoe for receiving said second side of said knife, said gap being greater than said thickness, wherein said upper clamping member includes provision for at least one bolt extending through said portion into said base such that tightening said bolt elastically deflects the apparatus adapted for elastically deflecting said upper clamping member so as to close said gap and bring said first portion of said upper clamping member into contact~~

with ~~against one side of the~~ said first side of said knife, for clamping the knife between said upper clamping member and said wearshoe.

2.(cancelled)

3.(currently amended) The assembly of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said wearshoe and said base include cooperatively interlocking portions adapted to ~~resist relative motion between said wearshoe and said base in a first direction~~ substantially prevent movement of said base, relative to said wearshoe, in a first direction toward the knife.

4.(currently amended) The assembly of claim 3, wherein said wearshoe and said base include cooperatively ramping portions adapted to resist ~~relative motion between said wearshoe and~~ movement of said base, relative to said wearshoe, in a second direction opposite to said first direction.

5.(currently amended) The assembly of claim [[2]] 1, wherein said wearshoe and said base include cooperatively ramping portions adapted to ~~resist relative motion between said wearshoe and said base in one direction~~ substantially prevent movement of said base, relative to said wearshoe, toward the knife.

6 (currently amended). An assembly for clamping a knife, comprising:

a base; and

a wearshoe; and

~~a clamp including an upper clamping member, said upper clamping member and said wearshoe adapted for mounting engagement with said base at respective opposite sides thereof for mounting to said base and a wearshoe for separately mounting to said base, said clamp for clamping the knife between said upper clamping member and said wearshoe, wherein said wearshoe and said base include cooperatively interlocking portions adapted to resist relative motion between said wearshoe and said base in a first direction~~ substantially prevent movement of said base, relative to said wearshoe, in a first direction toward the knife.

7.(currently amended) The assembly of claim 6, wherein said wearshoe and said base include cooperatively ramping portions adapted to resist ~~relative motion between said wearshoe and~~ movement of said base, relative to said wearshoe, in a second direction opposite to said first direction.

8.(currently amended) An assembly for clamping a knife, comprising:

a base; and

a wearshoe; and

~~a clamp including an upper clamping member, said upper clamping member and said wearshoe adapted for mounting engagement with said base at respective opposite sides thereof for mounting to said base and a wearshoe for separately mounting to said base, said clamp for clamping the knife between said upper clamping member and said wearshoe, wherein said wearshoe and said base include cooperatively ramping portions adapted to resist relative motion between said wearshoe and said base in one direction~~ resist movement of said base, relative to said wearshoe, toward the knife.

9.(currently amended) An apparatus for cutting an article of wood, comprising:

a ring assembly comprising two end plates for rotation about an axis of rotation; and

a plurality of knife assemblies, each assembly comprising an elongate knife having a cutting edge extending along an elongate axis, a base, and a clamp for clamping the knife ~~to the base~~, said assemblies for installation between said end plates such that the shoulder portions of at least two shoulder bolts extend through one of said end plates into said base.

10.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein each said clamp includes an upper clamping member for mounting to ~~said~~ the corresponding base so that a portion of ~~said~~ upper clamping member is cantilevered ~~from said base~~ therefrom, wherein ~~said~~ the upper clamping member includes provision for at least one bolt extending through said portion into ~~said~~ the base such that tightening ~~said~~ the bolt elastically deflects said upper clamping member to

bring the upper clamping member into contact with ~~against~~ one side of the corresponding knife.

11.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 10, wherein each said clamp further includes a wearshoe for mounting to said base and supporting the other side of the corresponding knife.

12.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein, for each said clamp, the said wearshoe and ~~said~~ base include cooperatively interlocking portions adapted to ~~resist relative motion between said wearshoe and said~~ substantially prevent movement of the base, relative to the wearshoe, in a first direction toward the corresponding knife.

13.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 12, wherein, for each said clamp, the said wearshoe and ~~said~~ base include cooperatively ramping portions adapted to resist ~~relative motion between said wearshoe and~~ movement of said base, relative to the wearshoe, in a second direction opposite to said first direction.

14.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 11, wherein, for each said clamp, the said wearshoe and ~~said~~ base include cooperatively ramping portions adapted to resist ~~relative motion between said wearshoe and said~~ movement of the base, relative to the wearshoe, in ~~one a~~ direction toward the corresponding knife.

15.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein each said clamp includes an

upper clamping member for mounting to said one side of the corresponding base and a wearshoe for separately mounting to said an opposite side of the corresponding base, each said clamp for clamping the corresponding knife between said the corresponding upper clamping member and said wearshoe, wherein said the wearshoe and said base include cooperatively interlocking portions adapted to ~~resist relative motion between said wearshoe and said~~ substantially prevent movement of the base, relative to the wearshoe, in a first direction toward the corresponding knife.

16.(currently amended) The apparatus of claim 15, wherein, for each said clamp, the said wearshoe and said base include cooperatively ramping portions adapted to resist ~~relative motion between said wearshoe and~~ movement of said base, relative to the wearshoe, in a second direction opposite to said first direction.

17.(original) The apparatus of claim 9, wherein said knife includes dual cutting-edges.